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QUARTERLY REPORT PERFORMANCE NOTIFICATION

MANUFACTURER: Evenflo Company, Inc.

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The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has received Evenflo Company, Inc.'s quarterly report for the quarter ending September 30, 2001, as required under Federal Regulation 49 CFR Part 573.6. The following safety recall campaign is being reviewed:

~~6~~ involving 3,380,100 Evenflo Joyride® infant restraints manufactured and sold in the United States from January 1988 through December 1998 model numbers beginning with 203, 205, 210, 435, and 493. When the infant restraint is used as a carrier (outside of a motor vehicle), the handle locks on each side of the restraint can unexpectedly release, causing the seat to flip forward. The Joyride® infant restraint was sometimes sold together with a detachable convenience base as a Travel Tandem™, and was sometimes sold as a travel system (together with a matching stroller.) If the carry handle were to unexpectedly release, the child could be thrown to the ground, possibly resulting in serious injury or death.

In the third quarter of 2001, (Evenflo's first quarterly report) Evenflo reported a completion rate of 1.6%. ODI is concerned about the low completion rate for this recall campaign and would like to see a meaningful increase in future reporting quarters.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call:

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